

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 616

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Cody Merritt, 2009
Salutatorian of Milan High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Cody Merritt is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2009 graduating class at Milan High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Merritt has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Cody has earned an exemplary 97.7724 grade point average while participating in several activities in the dramatic arts, including Nite Lite Theatre and the MHS Van Hook Players; and

WHEREAS, he has distinguished himself as a leader among his peers through his astute service as his school's Delegate to American Legion Boys State; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades and awards, Cody has been a Destination Imagination Global Finalist for five consecutive years, and he attended the Governor's School for the Humanities at the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Merritt's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his success as a student at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts this fall; and

WHEREAS, Cody's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, John and Brenda Merritt, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 Milan High School Salutatorian, Cody Merritt, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.